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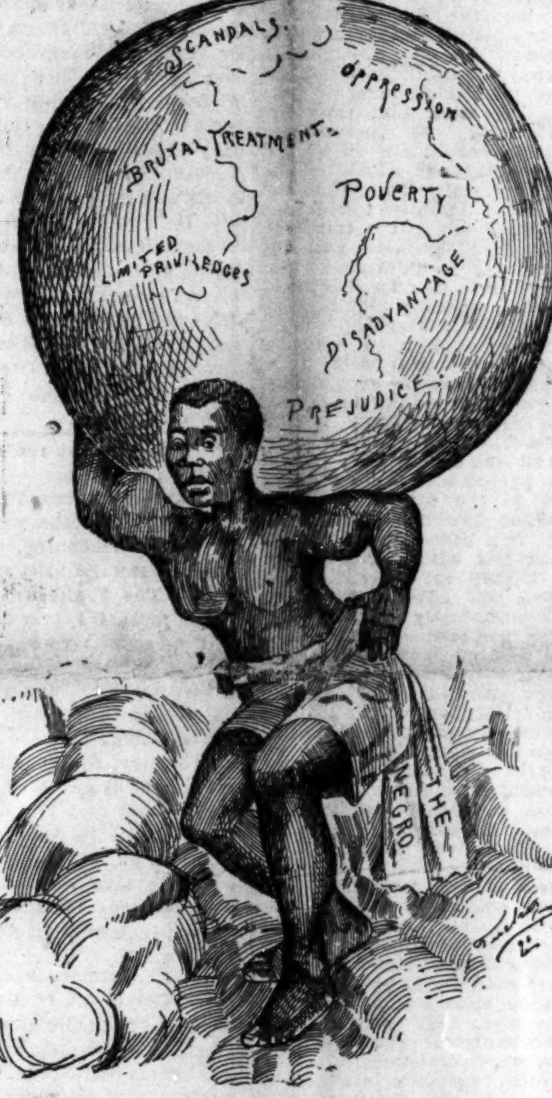

STILL IN LINE.

This pictnre, in the light of the recent Georgia massacre, still typifies the burden that rests upon the Negro in America. Is God dead? No! Will the Negro in America ever be emancipated in fact? Yes, or Jehovah in His own time and manner will wipe America from the face of the earth.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELS.

Officers Installed—School Children's Affair.

Busy Tying "Holiday Knots"—Union Christmas Tree—"Paul Quinn's" Last Days—Christmas Freeman Praised.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Special.

W. L. Kimbraugh, Grand Master of the Masonic fraternity of Texas, visited Columbia on the 27th, and installed Rev. J. R Robinson as worshipful master; T. A Gilbreth, senior warden; C. W. Smith, junior warden; I. J. Powell, secretary; Simon Bowser, treasurer; Rev. C. F. Moore, chaplain; S. Davison, tyler; J. Johnson, senior deacon; J. M. Sercy, junior deacon. Friday, Dec. 21, the school children under Prof. I. J. Powell, as principal, and F. M. Stanford and Miss Laura Ward, assistants, gave a literary entertainment, and Mary Whitmore, Parnel's Faugh, Rebecca Agar, little R. M. Dillingham, Lessie B. Nelson, Donnie Hughes, Bertha Gilbreth, Pearl Allen, Emma Anderson, Vennie Pannel, Radie Jones, Maud Powell, Eula Peroy, Kindaisee Fennie, Phillis Bigelow, Alberta Cook and Master Grover Richmond, Al and Ben Williams assisted.

Miss E. E. Perry spent Christmas in Commerce, with Mrs. E. Donddle. Scott Pannel, a pupil of Prof. I J. Powell's high grades, passed a very creditable examination as a teacher in this county. Mrs Nettie Robinson and mother-in law are visiting Mrs. J. A. Jones, and will return to Paris after the holidays. Miss Edith Watson and her room-mate, and Mr. L. Shaw, spent Christmas at home with their parents. Mrs. L. Scott and daughter entertained Miss Pinkie Barnett on Christmas, and also Mr. Sanford Holman was the special guest of Mrs. Holman, his wife. J. B. Minter, Messrs. Dillingham, S. Hughes, L. Scott, Rev. C. F. Moore, Mrs. T. H. Holman, Prof. I. J. Powell, Mrs C. N. Smith and J. S. Biglow are taking The Freeman. Rev. C F. Moore is still in the lead as to entertaining his people. He gave a basket entertainment at his church on Dec. 29 Rev. H. M. Richmond, the Baptist minister, had not the time this Christmas to look after his church matters, as both the young and old people were after him to tie the knot that will last until death, provided that death is not too far off. The reverend gentleman performs three in one night, and doesn'r call in anyone to help.

"Progress of the Negro Race."

Ennis, Tex., Special.

Rev. M. D. Moody spent Christmas in the city. On Christmas Eve night, we gave a Christmas tree social at the A. M. E. church worth $150. Everything passed off nicely. On Christmas night, three houses were burned down, one in which a little two-year-old boy lost his life. G. C. Coosey was in the city last week to spend the holidays with friends. Rev. J. Lister left for Rice, Tex., last week to spend Christmas with his members. The Rond House boys give an egg-nog Christmas day, and also had a grand discussion from Dan Adams, L. L. Lacey, Wm. Smith, B. H. Slaughter, T. Johns, R. Russell, Sam Ewin, P. W. White, and H. Craig on the "Progress of the Negro Race for the Last Twenty Years." There was quite a number to witness the truth as it fell from the lips of those speakers. Mrs. Kittie Blunt attended court during the holidays. Mrs. Gray returned from Rice last week where she had been the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. R. Dennis. Rev. M. J. Brooks passed through here last week en route to Maxachie where he spent the holidays with his family. Wm. Mayloan spent the holidays in Milford. L. Buchanan passed through here last week en route for Dallas. Mrs. Laura Terrel was in the city last week. We are having some cold weather here, the thermometer standing at zero, a blizzard raging 48 hours and everything froze up.

Masons and Eastern Stars.

Gainesville, Tex., Special.

Mrs. Margaret Tippett came near getting her neck broken lately, by Prof. Dunn's wagon running into hers. Dr. Burn visited Ardmore. Harry Gradney, while out playing, was hurt very badly. Mrs. Hester Stephens, of Cameron, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Gaston Little Nora Wilson is dead. Rev. I. S. Turner, of Canton, Miss., is in the city. Miss Alice Williams and L. P. Gould have left for Denton county, where they will teach. Mrs. M. L. Frazier has tendered her resignation as teacher in the city school. Miss Kate B. Campbell, of Indianapolis, Ind., has been elected to succeed her.

The Mason and Eastern Stars gave a public installation and banquet. The Christmas tree and exercises at the Baptist church were a success. Mr. Hope Kidd and wife and Mrs A. Alexander are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chenault. Robbers entered the house of Mrs Lamb Mercey and took a watch and some money. Mrs. Kemp is out of the city. Rev. W. R. Johnson, of Denison, passed through the city en route to Oklahoma. Mrs. Josie Robinson has been granted her divorce and has taken her maiden name, Miss Josie Smith. Rev. Moss is in the city. Rev. Amos is up.

A Serious Accident.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

On Christmas Eve the Sunday school render a most interesting program with great success. The most attractive feature of the program consisted of the grand display of the "Babe of Bethlehem," represented by the primary class, followed by a song, entitled "The China Kid," by the youthful class. The exercises closed with a grand drill. Our pastor, Elder U. B. White returned from St. Louis, Mo., accompanied by his niece. On last Friday morning a very serious accident occured to Jim Simpson, in which he got two of his ribs broken. Bud Martin, Mrs. Caroline and Miss Emma Craine from Ironton, Mo., are visiting friends and relatives in the city. Mrs. Mary Parker has returned home again after a long visit to Chicago. Mrs. Lizzie Townsend left the city Christmas morning for her home at Allensville. Miss Hattie Loumack returned home last Friday from Cairo, Ill. Walter Jackson and Miss Ada Elum we were married at Pleasant Hill Baptist church Dec. 27 at 9:30 p. m. by Rev. J. Q. Kelley of Cape Girardeau.

Closing Exercises of Paul Quinn College.

Waco, Tex., Special.

The Christmas passed away joyfully. All the churches were well attended. H. L. J. Johnson had $85.00 in money and clothing stolen from him by one James Biuett. The following is a description of the goods stolen: One blue check coat and vest, and gray check pants. Any information leading to his whereabouts will be rewarded at 928 South 9th street. The K. of P. lodge is booming. J. R. Mellowtree made a trip to Dawson and to Corsicana lately. The baazar was a success at the First church. Elder Denning visited Navisota during the holidays. Miss Vall Belltrain died on the 12th. Martin Jackson Jones had a Christmas fight on Walnut street. A white loafer threw fire crackers on a colored boy, a colored man started to protect him and was badly cut. Saturday morning recorded the close of the fall term of Paul Quinn College. The president led the scripture reading. Miss Maggie C. Roberts a senior classical, presided at the organ, the entire school singing, "Home, Sweet Home," after which President H. T. Kealing led in prayer. The standing was excellent in all the grades and departments. Some went home to join their loved ones, while others remained to spend their holidays upon the college campus. Thus ended the first term of Paul Quinn College.

Royally Entertained.

Caldwell, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Teathy Bomar is quite ill at this writing. Misses Nannie J. and Ella Bomar, of Shelbyville, Tenn., are visiting their father and friends here. Mrs. Alice Hunt, of Nashville, is visiting her uncle, A. C. Phillips. Rev. Houston Solomon, of Wartrace, was royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Wednesday, the 26th, ult. Mrs. Nannie Blakemore is on the sick list at this writing. Grant Bomar left for Knoxville on the 2d. Miss P. L. Stephens, of Wartrace, visited her mother, Mrs. Anna Stephens, Thursday, the 26th, ult., Aaron Martin, who has been on the sick list for a few weeks, is able to be up again. Messrs. H. T. White, James Stokes, Misses Nannie and Ella Bomar, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith Thursday, Dec. 27th. Mrs. Ella Phillips is a little ill at this writing, Thomas Moore was the guest of D. Ray Friday last.

The Dunmas Club.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Tutt, of Indianapolis, is in the city visiting friends. Della, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones is on the sick list. Mr. Andrew Gibson is convalescing Miss Ella Lake, of Richmond, is visiting her father. A very pleasant surprise was tendered Miss Mabel Parker at her home on Miami street. During the evening the Dumas Social Club was organized, to meet every two weeks The Christmas tree at the A. M. E. Church last week was full of beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parker gave a very delightful dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay, of Richmond, Va. Those that were present were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Parker and families. Mr. Harry Brooks spent Christmas at Kokemo. Mr. J. W. Taylor left last Monday for Joliet, Ill. Miss Maud Winslow entertained a number of her friends to a "taffy pulling."

A Boy who Whose Weight is 233 Pounds.

Metropolis, Ill., Special.

Mr. Crim lives but a few miles below town and has a son who is well-grown for his age, being only 19 years old the 16th of January, '95, and weighs 233 pounds, 6 feet, 8 inches high, named Jacob. Robert Lee Crim, the featherweight is 16 years old and weighs 197 pounds. Married on the evening of the 27th Charlie O'Neal and Miss Princess McCrary, Elder J. B. McCrary officiating They left on the 29th for Muddy Valley, Ill., their future home, accompanied by Miss Mary F. Smith who will spend a few weeks with the bride. Died, Dec. 28th inst., Mrs. Adline Spiax, aged 83 years, 11 months and 29 days. She was born in Princeton, Ky., in 1811. Funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the A. M. E. church, of which she was a member. Died on the 28th Mrs. Anna Croslin, aged 23 years. While in the prime of life, death came and nipped the flower in the bud. Funeral at the Baptist church Sunday at 12:30, of which she was a member. Miss Carrie Coleman is still with us, and is doing much good.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes take this method of thanking the many friends who so kindly assisted in administering to the needs of their late sister, Mrs. Anna Croslin, nee Miss Anna Herron. Especial thanks is due the members of the Baptist church for donating as they did during her long suffering.

A Swell Wedding.

Dalton, Mo., Special.

The swell wedding of the season occured here Dec. 19th at New Hope Baptist church. The groom, Mr. J. F. Easterling, is one of the leading young men of Dalton and also the bride, Miss Bertha Brown is a very charming young lady. Mr. Spencer McCain has returned from Peidmont, Ala., where he has been to see his mother. Mr. J. W. Brown has gone to see his mother in Alabama. Mr. James Rooker stole off to Sugar Valley this week and married. There were two Christmas trees Monday night. One at New Hope Baptist church and another at Antioch Presbyterian church. Liberty church had her tree Tuesday night. Mrs. Mary Season, of Knoxville, is in the city visiting her cousin, Mrs. Anna Harris. The Christmas tree at the Methodist church was post poned until Thursday night owning to the inclemency of the weather on Wednesday night. The children had a New Year surprise party Tuesday night. Miss Louisa Westfield, of Tunnel Hill, is in the city.

A Union Christmas Tree.

Brazoria, Tex., Special.

Rev. Z. Jones preached the Christmas sermon on the 25th, ult. Mrs. Minervia Jones has gone to Milan for her health. A Union Christmas tree was held at the colored school house. Committee—From the First Baptist church: Miss A. R. Lyles and J. M. Hall; from the A. M. E. church—Miss Julia Garrett and Miss Viola Talden.

A Birthday Party.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.

There was a regiment of U. S. colored soldiers passed through here Saturday from Columbus, O., en route to Fort Bayard, New Mexico. Mrs. Lida Harris spent New Years visiting relatives in Butler. There was a grand birthday party given in honor of Miss Lula Martin at 1014 Baltimore avenue, among whom were the following: Misses Lizzie Perry, Lizzie Sawyers, Laura Martin, Mamie Tolbert, Miss Hayes, Willie Thomas, Gus Johnson and others. Leon Jordan is at home on a 30 day's vacation. The candidates that were initiated Saturday night in the Master Mason degree were Will Jenkins. M. W Dean, M. Spotwood, M. Smith and four others They are members of Green Pasture No. 85.

CHRISTMAS "CITY OF ROSES."

Grand Display of Fireworks—A Boy Commits Suicide.

Fine Orchestra—A Masquerade Ball—Odd Fellows Install Officers—Missionary Society Entertains—Personals.

Toronto, Ark., Special.

The Missionary Society gave a splendid entertainment Saturday night at Allen Chapel A. M. E. church. The addresses of John A. P. Lee, W. J. and P. R. Wells were grand. Miss Jennie Frazier, of Kingland, Ark., is the guest of Mrs. G. L. Thompson. Burl Hall, of Dumur Ark., spent Christmas here with his parents. The sister of Mrs. Eliza Hall was a recent visitor from Monticello. The fire works at W. E. Jackson's store on Christmas night, was fine. Rev. Paul Akler came in from Phenix, Ark., and spent Christmas at home with his family. Richard Shelton was the orator of the evening at the Missionary Society saturday night. Mrs. Peter Jackson visited Pine Bluff on a pleasant trip. Mrs. Nettie Lee, of Phenix, Ark., was in town recently, also Mrs. Archie Johnson. L. Miller passed through our city enroute to Little Rock to visit relatives and friends. Rev. S. V. Davis, the former pastor of Grady circuit, was married on the 27th, ult., to Miss Elnora Hampton, of Warner, Ark. Mrs. Mollie Woods, of Warren, Ark., and Mrs. Jane Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. G. L Thompson were guests of Mrs. P. R. Wells, recently. Mrs. Fanny Wade, of Star City, and Mrs. Polk and sister, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S Sneed Christmas. Rev. N. C. Carter and wife passed through the city recently, enroute to Arkansas City, to visit relatives and friend. Mrs. Joe Williams, the wife of the Rev. Wm. Williams, passed through the city enroute to Arkansas City; also Miss Rebecca Hall, of Garretson, enroute to Pine Bluff. Rev. P. R. Jones, of Varner, is in the city to attend the quarterly conference.

Youth Committed Suicide.

Monmouth, Ill., Special.

On the 21st, ult., the Odd Fellows had their installation in their hall on East Broadway. Their wives and daughters presented them with a handsome banner. Several from Galesburg lodge were present. Henry McFall, an old Monmouth boy, and John Weathers, of Des Moines, spent the holiday in this city. The masquerade ball in Patton's hall Christmas night, was quite a success socially. Sam Montgomery was manager. The two churches had Xmas entertainments Monday evening. At both churches a good program was rendered by the little folks. Rev. Burch, D. D., of Chicago, preached at the Second Baptist church Sabbath and Monday evenings The little folks of the A. M. E. church gave a concert Tuesday night. The Masonic fraternity held their public installation Friday evening in their hall in the Quinby building. Mrs. Sadie Wallace went to Chicago Monday to spend the holidays with her uncle, Joseph McCord. Miss Cora Carroll of Springfield, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Annie Wallace. Just as the writer was closing her letter, the shocking news reached us of the suicide of Willie Murphy. Willie is a boy about 15 years old, and it is sad to hear of such an act. The writer is not acquainted with the particulars.

Personal Mention.

Denver Col., Special.

Mrs Crockett and daughter Miss Josephine left Thursday for Oakland, Cal. Mrs. Alberta Battles, city editor of the Statesman and Miss Maud Smith who have been visting in Kansas City and Chicago are expected home next week. Miss Marcie Gooden of Leadville is the guest of Rev. John Turner and wife. Little Myrtle Travers is quite sick with a severe cold. L. G. Jamison spent the holidays at home with his wife and family at 2424 Lincoln avenue. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russ is recovering from his recent illness. Hurrah for The Freeman. The Christmas number was a bonanza. All praise to Hon. George L. Knox and W. Allison Sweeney.

And may the New Year bring,
To those of whom we sing,
Prosperity and plenty,
Of all goodly things.

A Successful Orchestra.

New Port, Ark., Special.

Miss Ivory McDonald spent Xmas in the "City of Roses." Rev. G. D. P. Rucker left Friday morning for Tuckerman, where he will hold quarterly meeting. P. S. McEwen spent Xmas at Jonesborough, the guest of his brother. Miss Georgia McDonald left Tuesday morning for Denver, Col. Rev. N. L. Jackson, of Jacksonport, Ark., spent Xmas in the city. M. J. Lewis and Miss Cora Friar, were married Wednesday night. C. E. White left Friday morning for Ft. Smith. Prof. Criswell's string band is meeting with great success. He has now quite a number of engagements to fill during the holidays. Prof. Criswell hopes to organize a full orchestra after the holidays W. L. Owens has returned from Pocahontas, where he has been visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Lula James, of Augusta, Ark., is in our city, the guest of Mrs. Mart Lewis. Chas. W. Davis, of Detroit, Mich., is in city. Mrs. Mittie Henderson, of Augusta, is the guest of Mrs. Walker Curry. Mrs. A. L. Spencer took a flying trip to Batesville last week. Samuel Perkins, one of the finest tonsorial artists in the state, can be found at Warren's shop. J. V. Waterford left Saturday evening for Forrest City, Ark. Subscribe for The Freeman, the best Negro journal published. You can always find a copy at Warren's shop.

EMANCIPATION.

W. N. DEBERRY, FISK UNIVERSITY.

How sad, how gloomy was the day
For that ill-fated band,
Whom cruel hands did force away
From their own native land.

Why were they sought and yoked with chain,
As men of guilt and crime?
Why were they seized and sold for gain?
Why bound so long a time?

Why did the God of justice see
Our fathers thus enthralled?
Why suffered He such wrong to be,
When on His name they called?

From early morn 'till twilight hour
They tilled the stubborn soil,
Regardless both of heat and shower,
They went forth to their toil.

What Moses led them, that dark day?
What promise gave them hope?
Who pointed them unto the way,
For which they long did grope?

How had they patience to endure
The scourge and drudgery?
Why did they not strike to secure
Freedom from slavery?

The God who slavery's fetters broke
And set the bondmen free,
Gave them endurance for the yoke,
And strength to faithful be.

Two hundred years they vainly sighed
For Christian civilization;
Two hundred years they were denied
The light of education.

At length the hour when God should move
In his mysterious form,
To manifest his wondrous love,
Came with a mighty storm.

Five years of carnage, fire and smoke,
To bondmen freedom bore,
To slavery dealt the fatal stroke
From which it rose no more.

With freedom's Era, then came forth
To this poor race of shame,
A host of heroes from the North,
Forsaking home and wealth and fame.

They came with hearts full with desire
To work a reformation;
To lift the ex-slave from the mire
Of social degradation.

What has the undertaking brought
In one score years and ten?
What by it have the freedmen wrought
"To prove that they are men?"

In every worthy call and way,
In each progressive art,
The sons of bondage are to-day
Assuming active part.

Then let sweet Freedom's song begin
Exalteth be its name.
And blessed be the day wherein
Its proclamation came.

THE TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

What the Institute is Doing For the Education of the Colored Youth.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The founder of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute has a broad conception of its mission. Mr. Washington thinks, with Miss Alcott's Professor, that "Latin, Greek and mathematics are all very well," but but that "self-knowledge, self-help and self-control are more important." The Latin and Greek, Tuskegee does not include in her curriculum, since her province is the promotion of progress among the many, and not the special culture of the few. Intellectual growth, along the lines of her selection, is promoted in every possible way, but improvement in manners and morals and all the homely virtues is deemed worthy of even greater consideration. "Give a boy a trade and he is independent," is a theory applied alike to boys and girls.

Training head and heart and hand, Tuskegee fits the youth for life's duties and responsibilities, but even then she does not feel her mission ended. She seeks to reach the masses of the people, not only through her students, but more directly. Perhaps the school never did a better or wiser thing than in inaugurating the "Farmers' Conference," where representatives of the common, hard-working people gather to discuss, not the wrongs of the race, but their needs and the remedies for the evils existing among them. Three such conferences have been held, and the reports of the help they have been to those who have attended, and through them to others, are most gratifying and encouraging. The people are urged to abandon the one-room cabin and mortgage system of farming; are advised to get little homes of their own; are given plans of simple two-room structures, and are talked to on the various matters which pertain to the improvement of the home and its inmates. Last year in connection with this conference, a special meeting for women was held, and with such success that this will no doubt be a feature of all future conferences. An Educator's meeting is held on the day following, and coming directly after such a gathering of farmers, is especially likely to prove helpful to workers.

Mrs. Washington conducts a weekly meeting in the town of Tuskegee, for country women who come in on Saturday for shopping and recreation, and has done much good among them.

Much temperance work has been done in the neighborhood by members of the Temperance Legion of the school. It is surprising how much has been accomplished with small means. On Thanksgiving day the inmates of the poor house were given a dinner and presented each with a suit of underclothing made by members of the society. Other poor in the vicinity were also remembered on that day.

Through the generosity of friends establishing the "Dizer Fund," to be loaned to worthy persons in moderate sums for building purposes, the school has been instrumental in helping several families to homes of their own.

Another way in which the school reaches those outside of her walls is through the Tuskegee Summer Assembly. Here ministers, teachers, housekeepers and other seekers of summer vacation and rest, are invited to refresh and recreate themselves, and at the same time to profit by the discussion of topics of common interest and benefit.

This is what the South needs; not merely schools in the technical sense of the word, but centers of civilization in its midst, great reservoirs of intelligence and culture and refinement, of thrift and industry and economy, of love and purity and benevolence, which shall send out streams of living water in every direction, and shall permeate the masses of the people. JOSEPHINE T. WASHINGTON.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 24, '94.

White Man and His Knife.

Caldwell, Tex., Special.

The streets of Caldwell were crowded with colored and whites in purchasing Christmas things, when three Negro men were teribly gashed with a knife. It came about as follows: The white man, named Stoval, a young man of about twenty summers, said the first Negro he cut stepped on his foot. He, Stoval, pushed the young colored man and said, "get off my foot you God———." The Negro returned the compliment. Then Stoval who had his knife already open landed it in the Negoe's neck three times. An old colored man stepped between them and pushing Stoval back said, "boys don't fight," when the mob of white boys went for him the same way. Still another bystanding Negro caught his aim, but on being loose he dealt him a terrible blow in the arm. He was arrested and gave bond. The colored men cut were among the best and most pions citizens of the county. It is dangerous to be celebrating in the Southern towns.

REV. CÆSAR A. A. TAYLOR

Again Speaks Relative to the Proposed Town of Wellsford, Fla.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 21, '94.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

We made no mistake in speaking to the people of the world through the columns of The Freeman, as is seen in the fact that beginning on the 15th, the date of your issue containing our letter bearing said post mark mailing date, letters have been pouring into our office, and are still flooding us through every mail from doctors, lawyers, merchants, mechanics, in fact from people in every profession, from the states of Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Alabama, New York and elsewhere. Not anticipating such a flood of anxious, earnest seekers for investment to honor the name of a race heroine and hero, we were unprepared, hence the following circular letter with plats and other literature has since been prepared:

"The lots which we have to give away (we say give away because the price is simply charged to cover expenses for making and recording deed, etc.) Remember that we advertised to give away only 200 lots 25x107 feet, and after these are all gone the price will go up on the rest. Now is your chance to lay a foundation for a future by investing in good real estate, which is rapidly enhancing in value. This is the road which most everyone has taken to wealth, then why not you and your friends?

For twenty-two years I have labored to advance the race, and this is but another evidence of it. The South is the land where the Negro is destined to attain to a glorious future of wealth and eminence. The lots which we are giving away as an inducement, are going fast. One thing more, we want you to bear in mind that the entire property is good, and wherever we might set you or others off a lot, it will be a bargain and a hundred dollars more by way of value. We do not intend in this inducement to pick lots, corners, etc., as our gift within itself is big dollars in the pockets of all who are wise enough to quickly take hold of a good thing when offered to them.

"In answer to many inquiries, we state the following: 'The land is high, heavily timbered, with a beautiful slope toward a beautiful water front. We will sell or give away as many lots to one person as they will take, (that is as long as the 200 lots last.) The 100 lots at $5 each, is the choicest pick; the 50 lots at $3 each are also fine; and the 50 lots at $2 each will cause anybody to rejoice, as the entire property is good. When two or more lots are taken by one person, we will give them such lots adjoining whenever possible, if they so desire it. Read and reserve our advertisement; we state the facts honestly and plainly.'

"Our proposed town of Wellsford is already an assured success, and we do not intend to lie in order to induce anybody to take what we are giving away. So please do not by needless correspondence, consume our time and waste your own time.

"If you have not seen our original advertisement get a copy of The Freeman of Dec. 15, 1894. Do not expect a reply from us unless you send stamps for same. Do not be impatient if we seem slow in answering as our correspondents must take their turn. We place every name on file and answer as soon as we get to it. All who receive this letter are entitled to select either a $2.00, $3 00 or $5 00 lot, and if we do not hear from you in ten days, your privilege will be closed, and opened to somebody else. We already have agreements to dispose of pickles, chow chow, catsup, Worcestershire sauce, canned fruits, vegetables, canned oysters, cured fish, etc., through hotels and boarding houses throughout the state and the South as soon as we find capitalists to erect factories on the sites which we have reserved to manufacture what is now supplied by Chicago and New York. We intend to have other paying concerns too, which we will not now mention. It will be to the interest of every buyer or receiver of these lots to interest others, because the more and the quicker the sales, the sooner will buildings go up, improvements, etc., begin. Jacksonville, yes, the whole state of Florida, is fast filling up with prospectors, immigrants, foreigners and others from the North and elsewhere."

Awaiting reply for deeds from yourself and others, I am yours for progress, CÆSAR A. A. TAYLOR,

7 W. Beaver St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Most Advanced of Journals.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Dear Sir—Copies of the Christmas edition of The Freeman at hand. It is very creditable and maintains the active energy you have hitherto shown in publishing so valuable race journal. The Freeman is among the most advanced of journals published in the race of colored Americans. Long may it live and prosper. Very truly yours. D. AUGUTUS STRAKER.

Detroit, Michigan.

One Dollar for one year. SUBSCRIBE NOW.

On a Lecturing Tour.

Waco, Tex., Special.

Dr. S. Moten of Payne Theological Seminary of Ohio, who is now visiting his mother and friends of his native state, Texas, carried out the following program on his return trip to Wilberforce: Preached to the St. Paul A. M. E. church, Waco, Dec. 30th at 11 a. m. Paul Quinn College the same evening at 7 o'clock; lectured to the Paul Quinn College students and friends Monday Dec. 31st at 7 p. m.; visited the several departments of the college Tuesday following; Tuesday afternoon the Rev. Doctor left for Denison and was with Dr. Pyle and congregation Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock Jan. 1st 95; Wednesday following visited Atoka, Indian Territory to lecture, in company with Prof. H. H. Guess; left for Kansas City, Mo., to meet Rev. Dr. Parks and congregation Jan. 3rd; was with Dr. Preston and congregation at St. Louis Jan. 4th; was with Dr. Henderson of Indianapolis, Sunday, Jan. 6th at 7 o'clock p. m., and with Elder Price at 11 a. m., and Dr. M. Burgan and congregation, Richmond, Ind., Monday at 7 o'clock; Dayton, O, A. M. E. church, Tuesday, Jan. 8th, Dr. Coleman pastor.

Baptized at 100 Years.

Mullins, S. C., Special.

We have good times in our meetings lately. An old brother nearly 100 years old joined the church, was baptized, after confessing Christ and lived eight weeks. The Freeman is the greatest Negro journal I ever read. Its our most welcome visitor. My wife and children all hail it with delight. It teaches me what my mother taught me—love my race, make money and love God above all—God first, race second, money third, and your paper teaches the same. May God speed it in some way that it shall reach every Negro family in America. May God bless Prof. J. W. Moody for persuading me to take your valuable paper. Miss Olympia Moody is attending St. Paul Industrial school at Lawrenceville, Va.

WEDDING BELLS.

Miss Gerald and M. K. Reaves married at 1 o'clock Christmas. Last week Miss Eliza Granger and E. Dozier, Miss Annie Smith and Willie Owens were united in matrimony. D. D. B.

Personal Mention.

Clarksville, Ark., Special.

Mrs. Prof. W. D. Perry and Miss Lula Patterson were the Christmas guests of friends and relatives at Plummersville, Ark,

A Card of Acknowledgment.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—During our late visit to Pine Bluff in the interest of The Freeman we were favored with the valuable assistance of Dr. J. C. Battle, Hon. A. M. Middlebrooks, Rev. H. H. King and A. B. Knight. These gentlemen spared no pains in trying to make our visit a pleasurable as well as a profitable one, and it would be very ungrateful in us not to appreciate their many kind efforts in our behalf. They are altogether a credit to their race. Yours sincerely,

GRANT S. NEAL,

Dardanelle, Ark.

Knocked His Man Down.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

One of the most attractive things in the city Christmas Eve. night was the concert given at St. Peter's A. M. E. church. Santa Claus came down the chimney. Another one was given at Wesley Chapel. A party was given at the residence of Mr. Sanders by the Y. M. S. C., which was an attracting star. Jim Carney was arrested for calling Preacher Collins a Democrat, whereupon the latter knocked him down. Ed. Carter and Nat Powel were fined $4 each for disturbing the peace. Jim Lynch was arrested for disturbing the peace, but was released. Robert Tinsley, a notorious convict, escaped from the chain gang and is still at large. Call on Kates and Carneal, the tailors.

Grandest Effort In Negro Journalism.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Find enclosed $1 for my subscription renewal to the grandest effort in Negro journalism, The Freeman. No paper can be a failure with such men at its helm as Knox and Sweeney. I keep The Freeman on the table in my place of business all the week The white people read and commend it. Too many of our race get their race paper and hide it in a drawer or their pocket as if they had obtained it by theft. Put the race paper where the white people can see it, that they may know something of us, other than rapist, chicken thieves, crap shooters and water melon eaters, is my motto. While it is not my desire to "puff" up The Freeman and speak disparagingly of the lesser lights I must commend The Freeman. E. B. ALEXANDER.

Hot Springs, S. D.

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A Union Entertainment.

St. Joseph, Mo., Special.

The Young Peoples Baptist Union is having quite a success. It meets every Sunday at 4 p. m. Mr. J. A. Mossell, president; Miss Florence B. Homer, secretary. Miss Mary Evans and Katie E Hickman are going home to spend the holiday at Nevado, Mo. The Inter State Lyceum met the 27th-28th of December at Atchinson, Kan. Miss Lizzie Bell and B. T. Parkins are delegates of the A. M. E church Lyceum. The A. M. E. and C. M. E. and M. E. churches are preparing to give a union entertainment Tuesday evening. Mr. N. M. Lancery Book is at home from Omaho, Neb., where he has been attending the medical college.

That Slave Story.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Your Christmas number was very interesting. Sorry I did not order more papers, I could have sold them. So many faces of our own people was a surprise to some, and that nice slave story we children like to hear. We all went to a Christmas tree Christmas Eve. night to see Santa Claus and receive some nice presents. I wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I saw your pictures too. CALVIN BOGER

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Personal Mention.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

The Ladies Industrial Society elected officers for the evening. Mrs. R. H. Young, president; Mrs. H. B. Rhodes, vice president; Miss M. Porter, secretary.

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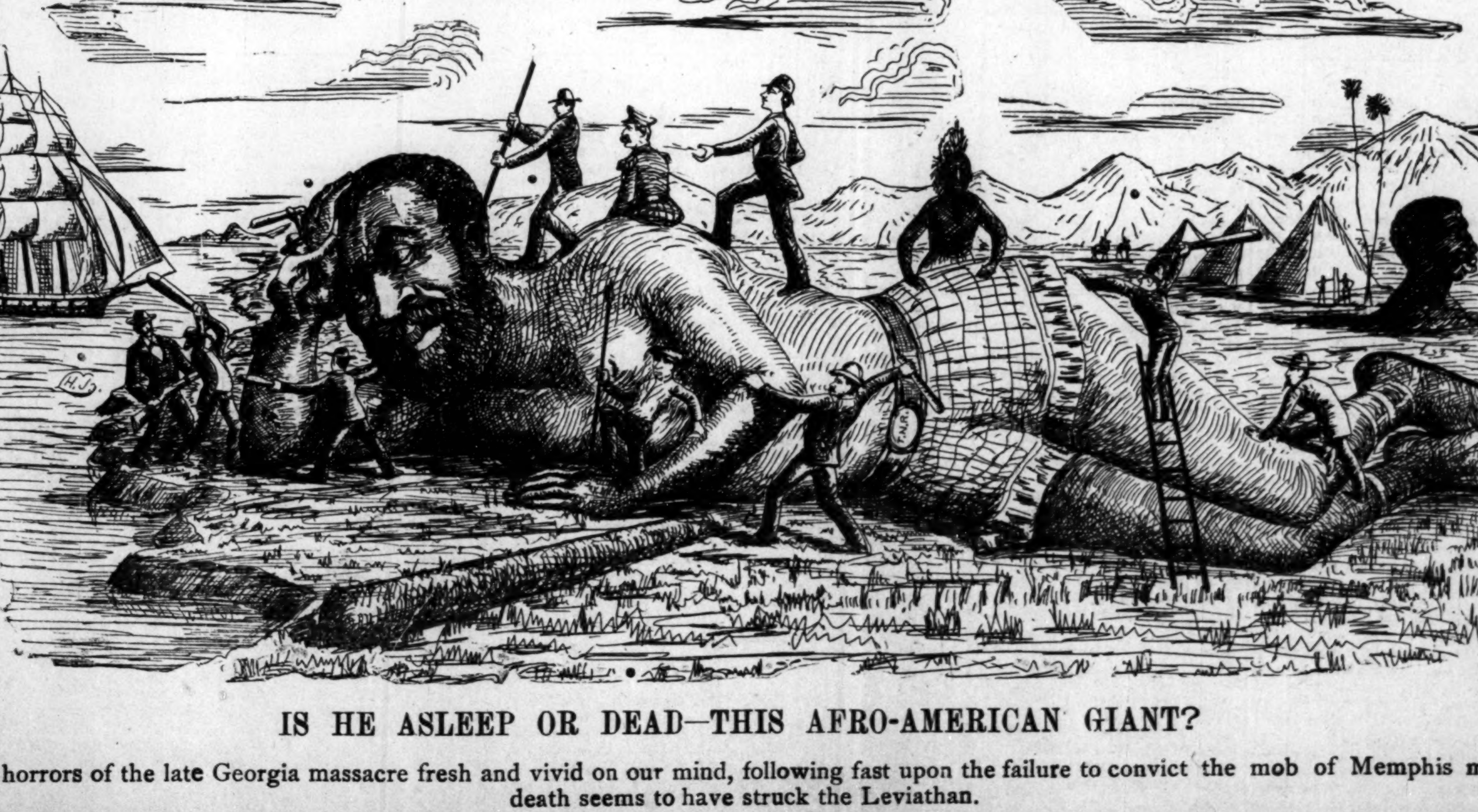

IS HE ASLEEP OR DEAD—THIS AFRO-AMERICAN GIANT?

With the horrors of the late Georgia massacre fresh and vivid on our mind, following fast upon the failure to convict the mob of Memphis murderers, death seems to have struck the Leviathan.

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JOY IS NEAR.

What though with weariness oppressed?
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Night is far spent and morn is near—
Morn of the cloudless and the clear!

We gradge not, then, the toil, the way;
Its ending is the endless day!
We shrink not from those tempests keen,
With little of the calm between;
We welcome each descending sun—
Ere morn, our joy may be begun!
—Horatius Bonar.

Mme. Jones, the "Black Patti" has an engagement to sing five weeks in London.

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Washington, D. C., has a Home for Friendless Colored Girls, which has been in existence eight years.

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Dr. John S. Outlaw, of the Pension Department, Washington, D. C., will hang out his shingle in Pittsburg, Pa,

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Prof. Bulkley, of Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C, who has spent two years in Europe traveling and studying, has returned home.

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B. K. Bruce of the Leavenworth Kans., Herald has been tendered and will accept a position in the office of the new secretary of State.

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Mrs. Ewan, of La. Plata, N. Y., was awarded $1,000 damages against the Baltimore & Patomic railroad for having to ride in a baggage car.

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the elocutionist, in company with Miss Susan Bell Anderson, will leave for the West Indies in the near future.

†—†

Prof. S. H. Vick, Ex-Postmaster at Wilson, N. C., is now Sabbath-school missionary of the Presbytery, of Cape Fear, and is doing a splendid work in in his plea for the children for Christ.

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It is said that by far the larger number of young colored men, who are in the colleges of the North and East trying to obtain an education, are from the Southern states.

†—†

Miss Kate Crawford, who for many years was a teacher in the Simmons school, St. Louis, Mo., is studying medicine in Ann Arbor, Mich. Miss Crawford was the first colored graduate from the Ann Arbor High school

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The Woman's Loyal Union of New York and Brooklyn celebrated its third anniversary on Dec. 5th. The school question, the Colored Home and Hospital and the John Brown Monument Fund were among the questions discussed.

†—†

The colored people of Hot Springs, Ark,, have tired of poor public school accommodations. They are now raising money to employ council to conduct a mandamus suit against the School Board for not providing schools for them according to law.

†—†

Rev. Alexander Crummel, D. D., rector of St. Luke's P. E. church of Washington, D. C., celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of his consecration to the priesthood of the Prostestant Episcopal church of this country Dec. 9th.

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Dr L. A. Scruggs, author of "Women of Distinction," of Raleigh, N. C. was married to Miss Clara J. Burwell Wednesday evening Jan. 2nd, at the Washington St. Baptist church, Bedford City, Va. Dr. Scruggs and wife will make Raleigh their home.

†—†

Among the 250 students in the Princeton Theological Seminary, N. J., there are five colored students, four of whom are from Biddle University and one from Lincoln University. James M. Boddy and I. W. L. Roundtree are taking a Ph. D. course at that College.

†—†

Miss Hattie Merritt, who has been employed as directory clerk in the post-office of Jersey City, N. J., for three years has resigned her position. Miss Merritt is a graduate from the high school of Jersey City, and is the only colored woman ever appointed to an official post in that city.

†—†

The colored people in and around Pensacola, Fla, have formed an association for the purpose of providing a High school for the children of the race. With the assistance of white friends, a site has been purchased at a cost of $600. As soon as sufficient funds can be raised, the colored people expect to build a handsome and commoditions building.

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The women of the Baptist church of St. Louis, Mo., of the Berean Missionary Baptist Association met at the Central church and organized the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary and Educational Society, especially for the purpose of helping to support the Christian educational work, now in operation in the Western Baptist College at Macon City, Mo.

Looking for Her Husband.

North Birmingham, Ala., Special.

Rev. J. A. Peel is at his post of duty again. There was a very intelligent looking lady in our city the other day from St. Louis, Mo, looking for her husband. Mrs. Jane Heard is out again. F. Morris is still on the sick list. Mrs. Foster is out again. Jesse Bounds, of Columbus, Miss., is on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E Boyd. The first quarterly conference of the year will be held at the A. M. E. church Saturday night Rev. R Gray, pastor; Rev. T. W. Coffee, Presiding Elder.

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Wanted.—The address of Agnes Ross, brother of Mary Ross, a colored woman generally known as "Lame Mary," who before 1863 was a slave of David Castleman of Lexington, Ky. She left Lexington suddenly about 1864 or 1865 and never returned. When last heard of through her letters to her mother she was in or near Belmont, Pa. She is an heir to property in St. Louis. Any one knowing address of her, or her children, will favor her by sending same to John W, Dryden Atty. St. Louis, Mo.

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I would like to know the where abouts of my sister. Her name is Susan Adlet White. The last time I saw her was at the fair in Florence, Boone, County, Ky., in 1877. She was living with a white family by the name of Sanders, who lived between Walton and Union, Boone, County, Ky. I was living with Mr. Arthur D McFell's family, also white. I have a half brother his name is George Robinson. Our mothers name is America White. She died at Mr. Campbell's in Burlington, Boone, County, Ky., in the year of 1874. She left a child about three or four years old. Mr. McFell and family moved to Crittenden County, Ky., in 1879 and I went with them. I have not heard anything from my relatives since I came to Crittendon. Pastors will please read this to their congregation. Any information will be thankfully received. Address Mary E. Hughes, Weston Crittenden County, Ky., in care of Robert Hughes.

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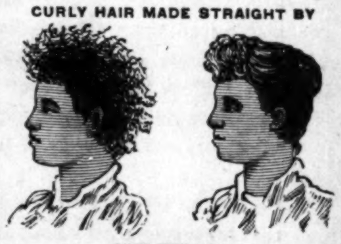

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"The president of a bank in Rome, Ga., in a recent letter to a prominent citizen of Cincinnati, says:

"'As you and I have touched on the political situation more than once in the past, it is with pleasure that I mention to you some of the results the election has had in the South. There is not a particle of bitterness. On the contrary, the people are taking it good humoredly. In fact, many say they are glad of it. If we now have a return of prosperous times and the Republican party will let the Negro alone, they will divide the vote in the South so largely that we will never again hear of the 'Solid South.' As a lover of peace and good order, I ask the co-operation of yourself and all my Republican friends to this end. There are many, many of us in the South who would vote with the Republicans on economic questions if they would just let the race question alone. Believe me, there is nothing but trouble and annoyance to the American people to agitate the race question, where peace and prosperity will reign if let alone.'

"The writer of this is doubtless a Democrat on the race question, though he is evidently a good deal of a Republican on economic questions. Probably he is like the Kentuckian whose letter was printed in the Journal a few weeks ago, and who said, 'I want Democrats to associate with, but Republicans to rule me,' at least in National affairs.

"The race question was a legacy of the war, and the settlement of it was forced upon the Republican party by the stern logic of events. No more difficult question or combination of questions ever arose for settlement by any people or party. If the history of the last thirty years were to be made over again, no doubt the Republican party might do some things differently and more wisely than it did, but it is doubtful if human wisdom could have devised any policy that would have brought about a settlement of the race question in the South without years of violence and bloodshed, to be followed by a still longer period of social friction and political irritation. Great racial revolutions like that involved in the emancipation of the colored people and their elevation to citizenship and civi rights are not accomplished in a short time nor without great difficulty.

"The Republican party grappled with the question bravely and did the best it could, and has continued to do so for a quarter of a century It may have made some mistakes, but it has been right in the main. It was not only right and just, but necessary that the Negroes, having been made free, should also be made citizens and protected in their rights as such. Great as was the danger of conferring the right of suffrage on a large class of citizens just emancipated from slavery and as yet utterly unqualified to exercise it intelligently, the danger in not doing so was still greater and the injustice would have been monstrous. Time has shown that it was the right thing to do. If its first fruits were violence, bloodshed and persecution, its latter ones have been progress, advancement and elevation for the colored people. History records no parallel in the equal progress and elevation of any race in the same length of time.

"At last there are encouraging indications that the Southern whites are beginning to recognize the wisdom of the Republican treatment of the Negro. The best men in the South now admit that it was right and necessary to make the Negro a citizen, and that he is making an average good one. They admit that the colored people have made and are making great progress. They even begin to admit that the time has come when he ought to be allowed to vote and have his vote counted. Recent events, especially the factional divisions in the Democratic party, have caused this feeling to develop very rapidly. The bringing of economic questions to the front has contributed in the same direction. The repeal of the so-called "force laws," though done with a bad motive, has had a good effect. Southern Democrats are getting alarmed at the results of unjust election laws and fraudulent elections, and are clamoring for honest elections and an honest count. Within a few days a bill has been introduced in the South Carolina Legislature "to promote the independence of elections and to enforce the secrecy of the ballot." It is substantially the Australian ballot law, but the Charleston News and Courier objects to it because the provisions for securing an honest count are not stringent enough. These signs point to the breaking up of the color line, and, consequently, of the solid South. The Georgia banker whose letter we have quoted says if the Republican party will let the Negro alone, the Southern people will soon divide so largely on economic questions that we will never again hear of "the solid South." Perhaps the time has come when it would be good politics for the Republican party to try for a few years, at least, the policy of leaving the race question in the South to settle itself."—Indianapolis Journal.

The above, upon the whole, possesses the virtue of seeming sincerity if nothing more, and thankful for small concessions, we do not intend to look a gift horse in the mouth by falling out with so good a Republican sheet as the Journal, for either an ignorance of the truth relative to the Negro and his persecutors in the South, or, what seems more likely, a disinclination for party purposes to strike from the shoulder and tell the truth, rather than use a feather for the purpose of tickling the red-handed "nigger" killers of that accursed section. Giving the mantle of our patience another stretch, so as to cover, if possible, for the moment these whipped, but unrepentant ex-rebel butchers, we would like to ask this Georgia bank president, were we not desirous of avoiding the charge of profanity, what in h— he's driving at? and with him the Journal, for recording the cowardly pusillanimous opinion that it "would be good politics for the Republican party to try, for a few years at least, the policy of leaving the race question in the South to settle itself." As a matter of historic fact, the Republican party has been busy since 1876 "leaving the race question in the South to settle itself," hence the Journal's suggestion of "good politics" would be ludicrous was it not so insulting to our general intelligence and knowledge of the facts. This latter day record of the party of Sumner, Stevens, Chandler and Grant will serve for all time to tarnish and dim its otherwise glorious story, and no amount of back-filling and ingenious apology can change this deplorable and disgraceful fact. So long as the Republican party, guided by the humanitarian instincts and counsels of truly great and good men, was not ashamed to place the protection of human life above the demands of vested capital, it remained as invulnerable as the shield of Saul, and the marshaled foes of human right—conquered, but not repentant—shrunk and shriveled like a burning leaf before its onward and resistless march. If, as the Journal says, the "stern logic of events" FORCED the settlement of the race question upon the Republican party, the same stern logic of events, reinforced by a sacred duty, had amply equipped it, by all the laws of right, justice and power, to assume and discharge the great responsibility. But the pity of it, if we may believe the Journal, is it either proved unequal to its first great overshadowing duty, and in the quest for "good politics" has been content to become a vast unwieldy army of office hunters, at whatever expense, regardless of the sacrifice or principle or the strangulation of right.

"Let the race question alone," pleads the Georgia banker; "allow the South to settle the race question," chimes in the Journal, and daily and weekly Negroes in twos and threes, and by the dozen, are being murdered in cold blood. And thus the South, as the Journal advises, is busy "settling" the question.

Sent Relic Money.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—You will know by the fact that I sent you this money, (which I have kept as a relic for ten years), what value I place on The Freeman. I thought you had cut me off. W. B. WRIGHT.

Sioux Falls, S. D.

ONE DOLLAR secures it for one year.

RETROSPECTION.

BY LOGAN PAUL.

I am lying now upon my couch.
While memories, thick and fast,
Come sweeping o're me like a dream
Of the long forgotten past.
I see a little rustic cot,
With girls and boys at play,
A merry, joyous, babbling throng,
In the light of an autumn day,
But this is only "mise on scene"
Of the picture memory weaves
About that little rustic cot,
And clustered 'round with leaves.
I see one there, with her lovely face,
And her eyes of liquid blue.
Who thrilled my heart in the dear old days,
And filled it with love most true.
I see once again that heavenly smile,
Which enthralled my boyish heart,
That even to my dying day
From my breast shall ne'er depart

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But oh, what a change comes o'er the scene!
No little ones play on the lawn;
The rustic cot has passed away,
The light from her eyes has gone;
The sun no longer shines upon
That bright autumnal scene,
For winter, with his chilling hand,
Has robbed the wood of its green.
The wind sighs drearily 'round the spot
Where late the cottage stood.
And the snow lies like a winding sheet
O'er her grave near the edge of the wood.
New Orleans, December, 1894.

A "RAW BONES AND BLOODY HEAD" SOUTHERNER.

At the recent "meet" of the "New England Society" Henry Watterson following in the footspteps of the brilliant idealistic Grady, charmed the puritanic decendents at the "table round" by the delivery of a carefully prepared after dinner speech, which had the effect for the time being of wiping out sectional lines and limitations. The decendents of the Cavillers represented as a "New South," according to Henry's eloquent formulation, stood ready and anxious to sip the leathan waters of forgetfulness with their "Roundhead" brethern and join eternal hands for a more perfect Union. It was a most stirring scene long to be remembered. Unlike his eloquent predecessor, the brilliant Grady. Brother Watterson steered clear of the Negro question, and indulged in no rhetorical apostrophes to the Negro's docility when instructed by his master with the care of his loved ones while he was "awsy to the wars," nor did he hold forth in convincing numbers to prove that the men of the South was generally desposed to treat them with kindness and consideration. No, indeed, the editor of Courior Journal is not only a most entertaining guest, he is also a discreet one, and withal consistent. No man knows better than Henry Watterson, the able Kentucky editor, how conterfeit a thing, not to be trusted a minute, is the pretenaent love of the Southern white man for the freedman in his midst. As if to supply any lapse of information, Mr, Watterson might have been guilty of in that direction, the editor of the Waco, Tex., Morning News, thus unburdened himself a few days prior to the New England Dinner, which we lay before our readers, not for the purpose of dignifying his bloody diatrabe by notice, but as a significant commentary on the statement so frequently made of late that a new sentiment of kindness and forbearence is springing up in the South for the Negro. Listen to this Texas editor and remember if you can when you have read anything quite so savagely brutal; new South indeed.

> We have tried "due process of law" on the lustful sons of Ham and Sycorax. We have tried the rifle and the rope, the knife and the fagot on the black rape fiend without appreciable effect. There is not today in all the South at white woman who is safe an hour beyond the reach of her husband's rifle. There is not a white female child secure from brutal ravishment the moment she is beyond her father's sight. Men fear to leave their homes to win bread for their families. Mothers fear to send their daughters to school lest they be waylaid. The black shadow of the Negro hangs over the South like a pall, and strong men ring their hands in agony when they reflect upon the awful peril of their loved ones The condition of others is becoming retolerable. Anglo Saxon race cannot will not much longer endure it. It has reached a point where forbearence ceases to be a virture. If self preservation of the home is the first duty of man, then the homes of the people of the South must be protected in their purity, even if to do so it be neccessary to annihilate the black race in America—to kill every Negro between the two oceans. That, indeed where a drastic remedy, but the Southern people are rapidly coming to the conclusion that other there is none—that there are no "good Negroes;" that the entire race is morally rotten, hopelessly corrupt; that it were infinitely better to shoot a Negro before he commits a helish crime against the dominant race than to burn him afterwards.—Waco Texas Morning News.

SIMEON COY.

The death of Simeon Coy removes from the public knowledge and gaze one of Indianapolis' most picturesque and interesting characters. He had his faults—who has not?—but he possessed virtues also—sterling, commanding ones, worthy of emulation by many who delight to pose as the betters of such as Coy, and who are looked up to by church and society as models of propriety and example. This dead man—ward-heeler and political boss, if you will—loved his word for his word's sake, and it is nowhere on record that he ever sacrificed it wilfully, or bartered his many opportunities, that thrift might follow fawning. He possessed to an eminent degree the gift to control and inspire men to courage and to action. Flung into the political arena at a time when political trickery was held by the magnates of parties as an essential factor of success, he acted upon the cue of the moment, and stopped at nothing that promised party success. If there was a time when he was looked and trusted by his party henchmen fully and unequivocally, he was upon the other hand hated by his party opponents, not that they were more upright than Coy, but because they lacked his accomplishments as a political trickster and manager. When detection finally overtook him, as sooner or later it is sure to all indirection, he took his medicine like a thoroughbred and suffered without a murmur the penalty that, had justice not have been deflected, would have overtaken others of both parties who today enjoy the reputation of being "clean" (?) politicians, But such is the irony of circumstances. He had in him the making of a much more useful and wider known man, but lack of proper influence at the formative stage of his life, joined to unfortuitous surroundings, stood in the way. He had many friends regardless of party lines, came within an ace of becoming a national character, and was followed to his grave by as large a concourse as is seldom given to the mere individual. Take him for all and all, we may not look upon his like again.

A RACE LESSON.

One of the remarkable evidences of the radical change in public sentiment, which is slowly working in this nation, is seen in the re-election of D Augustus Straker as Circuit Court Commissioner for one of the districts of the city of Detroit, Mich. As a judicial officer in a large city, Mr. Straker has had to pass upon varied and complex legal interests arising out of the relationship of landlord and tenant and other matters; and a large number of lawyers, some of them among the most prominent of the legal fraternity of the city of Detroit, have appeared and practiced before him, been subjected to his rules, and his rulings and decisions. At the time he was before the people for renomination nearly two hundred of these lawyers signed a circular letter urging his renomination and election because of his learning, his ability and experience. He was on a judicial ticket with three white men, one a Hebrew of great popularity, who made a special effort to poll a larger vote than Mr. Straker, and who injected the race issue into the canvass so as to be sure of running ahead of "the Negro." The popular vote stood: Straker, 26 791; Greenstein, 26 663; Pennimon, 20 135; Fenwick, 19,318. The plurality for Mr. Straker was nearly 7,000. Such a fact should be noted by all students of the race problem and by all students of American history as a sign clearly indicating the decadence of race prejudice.—New York Age.

A sign, indeed, with a double application. Race prejudice is slowly, perhaps, but surely giving away to race fairness and generosity, that spirit that idealists love to refer to as the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and that the day of its complete fruition may hasten on is the ever-present hope of the American Negro. But the other, and in our mind the most valuable, fact in connection with the re-election of Mr. Straker, is that he had been tried and not found wanting. As a judicial officer, called upon to interpret and apply the law, he had proven himself qualified. We take it that this fact alone was his one and strongest card. There is no class of professional men more exacting of their fellows, and less inclined to be swayed by racial likes and prejudices in the matter of extending professional indorsement, than the disciples and followers of Lycurgus.

We are proud of Mr. Straker being a Negro, that his legal qualifications and fitness came forth unblanched from the exacting crucible to which it had been subjected, and therein lies a most important lesson. Nothing succeeds like success. As fast as the Negro, individually or collectively, becomes equipped to stand shoulder to shoulder with that omniverous hog of the nineteenth century, the unappeased, ever-grasping Anglo-Saxon, in whatever sphere of effort he may aspire to, the fog of prejudice will vanish from his path as surely and completely as the summer's dew before the rising sun.

OUR CHMISTMAS NUMBER.

WOOLLEN & WOOLLEN,
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS,
COMMERCIAL CLUB B'LD G,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 21, 1894.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of the Christmas number of The Freeman, and a great number it is. Most certainly "have we kept our word." Such an issue is inspiring. I have believed in the future of the Negro, and as the years go by I am grounded in that belief—that is, that he yet will hold the balance of power in our government. No race has made such rapid advance as his, and it is only a question of time. I congratulate you and Mr. Knox. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year is the wish of

Most truly yours,
WILLIAM WATSON WOOLLEN.

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FT. WAYNE, IND., Dec. 8, '94.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I have received for one year a copy of THE FREEMAN, and must say, the greater part of the reading I peruse with interest and pleasure. And I wish to express my appreciation of its literary abitity, and congratulate the Afro-Americans on the success which THE FREEMAN, our great colored journal, has obtained. I hear it spoken of with enthusiasm on all sides. The favorable criticism of our local press, and even of the great metropolitan reviews, must have assured us that we have touched the popular heart and gained a worthy place among the sons and daughters of song. The quality and pathos of the reading is genuine, honest and deep. FRANK E. RUE,
73 Grand street.

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GREENVILLE, MISS., Dec. 24, '94.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

You asked your many readers through the columns of you paper this question, "Have we kept our word?" I, as a reader and subscriber for the last four years of said paper, will answer yes, and more than your word implies, for it was a beauty.

G E. TRUBHART.

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Not a bit 'shamed. But you do look so nice in your holiday clothes. The Texas Freeman doffs its Dunlap to its "venerable ancestor" and wishes for it a Happy New Year. Be consoled though "grandma," no jealousy is felt, no jealousy.—Texas Freeman.

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The Indianapolis, Ind., FREEMAN did itself credit in its Christmas issue. The paper upon which it was printed was excellent, the illustrations original and the matter in keeping with the general make up of the journal. This is genuine enterprise and the management deserves credit.— Richmond Planet.

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Without a doubt, the last number of the Indianapols FREEMAN marks an epoch in Afro-American journalism unsurpassed. In matter and appearance it was the best journal owned and orperated by colored men, it has been our pleasure to see. Go on Brother Sweeney, "The Suburban Enterprise" is in the race with you.—
Suburban Enterprise.

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The holiday issue of THE FREEMAN is a marvel in artistic arrangement and typographical beauty The enterprising proprietor, Geo. L. Knox, and the excellent editor, Sweeney, deserve praise for their efforts. Mr. Knox is trying to do something for the young people by giving them employment. Others are great with their months;he with his DEEDS.—Leavenworth Herald.

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The holiday editions of some of our race journals are a credit, indeed, to the race and to the journalistic ability of the editors. Among those which fairly eclipsed themselves was The Indianapolis FREEMAN. It was a red letter edition and reached the high water mark of race journalism. Typographicrlly and mechanically it was perfect and it columns were stocked full of choice and timely articles written expressly for it. The Colored American doffs it hat to its strapping elder brother.—Colored American.

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The Freeman, George L. Knox's colored paper, has issued a Christmas number that is certain to attract the attention of all its readers. It is extensively illustrated with excellent portraits of well known colored men and women. Biographies accompany the illustrations. Some special articles are of historic and reminiscential value—one, for instance by Mrs. Celeste H. McCoy (widow of W. D. McCoy, minister to Liberia), descriptive of Liberia and its people; another by Mr. Knox on his own life—his birth in slavery, sale on the block and subsequent experience; a letter from Frederick Douglass, on "Lynching"; a political letter by C. H. J. Taylor, Recorder of Deeds; ex Governor P. B. S Pinchback on "Great Negroes," etc. The number is well printed on highly calendared paper.—Indianapolis News,

TALLY TWO FOR THE DEVIL

We have no other thought, if things are what they seem, what we are taught to believe they are, but that his satanic majesty rubbed his scaly hands with satisfaction when the Tennessee Negro murderers were declared innocent, while the recent Georgia massacre, twelve lives for one, followed by no stir on the part of constituted authority just pleased him through. Not that the devil enjoys an universal and special pleasure when a colored man is murdered, but it does afford him unmeasured delight to witness the decadence and growing sinfulness of a great nation, whose chief boast is its christianity and civilization. When the Feejee Islander or the man-eating Patagonians indulge their natural uncivilized instinct, for outrage and murder, he is not surprised—barbarians are barbarians, but when the greatest christian (?) nation on earth, the freest (?) fairest (?) most progressive (?) stoops to crime and folly, we would not wonder that he flattered himself as not being near as black as painted, and instead of his empire decreasing in power he had but to bide his time to be able to reckon as his chief satelite, this bright particular star among the nations os the earth.

Where law ends, tyranny and crime begin. Tyranny rampant, crime unchecked, barbarism is but a step beyond. This stage once reached, hell rejoices, and the devil takes a holiday. To this complexion has it come for the black man in many portions of this pretentious Christian nation. His liberty is a farce; citizenship he has never really enjoyed; "life, liberty and the pursuit of happinrss" is for him the most irridescent dream, and if the signs indicate a change for the better, they are not visible to the general eye. But for that matter, who dreamed that seven years after the election of Buchanan in 1856, slavery in America would be abolished and Appomattox reached? Surely God is not dead. The lessons of history teach us, and the promise of Holy Writ is, He moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. As we have said, the bounding horizon that spans the Negro's civil existence in America contains no visible sign of hope pointing to an ultimate release from the brake wheel of color prejudice and hate; but beyond the clouds we have faith to believe shines the sun of everlasting right and justice if deflected, obscured for a space merely. As He wills not as we would. Either this nation, like all the nations that have practiced iniquity, must humble itself in sack-cloth and ashes for its crimes, or its glory will become a tale that is told, with none so poor as to do it reverence.

A "SPEC" COMPLAINS.

We are put in a state of suspense when we think of the renowned, scholarly and most versatile editor of The Freeman. He seems to be uneasy about himself and everybody else. The pot-pie must have been passed around and he did not get his position. It is singular that a man with so much dignity would make himself such a caricature —Philadelphia Spec.

Don't kick before you are spured, sir. If THE FREEMAN has been guilty of noticing you at any time, pardon, please, and we promise not to be guilty again. Being a mere speck on the journalistic horizon, according to your own declaration, you are playing in big luck to be noticed by anyone.

"A GOOD THING! PUSH IT ALONG!"

One of the troubles that beset the Negro is his use of superlative terms as to what he does or proposes to do, without considering how he is to reach that point which his imagination has pictured out Everything he does is grand. The most insignificant parlor social, or the most unpretentious concert given by the most ordinary persons is termed grand. If a young man delivers a very creditable address, he at once becomes the orator of his race. If a young lady sings a creditable solo, and does it very well, according to her ability, she is a Patti, or somebody else who has spent almost a lifetime in hard study under the very best masters. If a young girl, or young man, who has had a few years tuition under some so-called professor, plays the piano, or organ, or violin very well, he or she at once becomes a Reubenstine, a Paderewski, Ole Bull or some other noted person. Now, all this has a tendency to hinder the progress of our yonng people, who, by hard study and constant application, might eventually become something, by giving them a very bad case of swell-head, for they think at once that they know enough, and that puts an end to all further advancement by stopping them from improving the real talent they have. If anyone criticizes them, that person is set down at once as an idiot or they are jealous of the performance given by the individual criticised, when in point of fact they ought to take the criticism in good faith and profit by it, by trying to improve their points of weakness. Let us take more kindly to those who tell us of our weak points than to those who would flatter us.—Baltimore (Md.) Standard.

Correspondents Take Notice!

Owing to the interference of NEW YEARS' DAY, but ONE MAIL DELIVERED, many NEWS LETTERS were UNAVOIDABLY omitted. Send in EARLY for next week.

Don't Let Your Chances, like Sunbeams, Pass You By. For a Few Days Longer this

TELL YOUR FRIENDS! | GREAT PAPER ONE YEAR FOR ONE DOLLAR! | TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

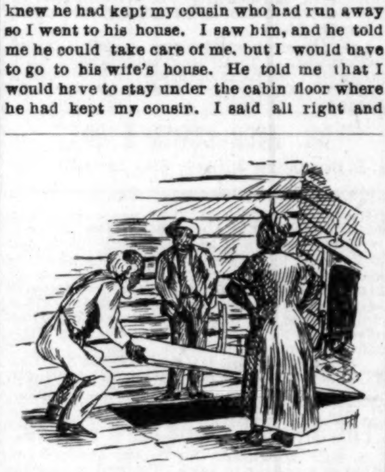
MY LIFE AS I REMEMBER IT—AS SLAVE AND FREE MAN.

COMPILED, ARRANGED AND WRITTEN BY MYSELF,
GEORGE L. KNOX.

CHAPTER III.

When I saw her crying I said, "I will not leave you until I have to." I went back to work next day and everything went well for about a month. One day when I was plowing my master came riding up, and I noticed he seemed worked up and out of patience. He said he did not condemn me for coming home, but thought I should have apprised him of my intent. I reminded him he had promised to let me come. He said he had come after me to go in the army again. He said the army was going to move and he was going to take me with him. I insisted I did not want to go, but he declared I must. He said that if I stayed there the Union army would come and take me and he would lose me. He told me to saddle my filly and take it to the blacksmith shop to be shod as we would start to the army the next day. This was in May, 1863. I had my nag shod and returned home. My mistress in the meantime had ham and bread enough cooked and other provisions to last us two or three days while we were on our way. It was a rainy, damp evening in May and we were sitting by the side of an old fashion fire place. I went in for the last time to remonstrate against going. I said to him that "I did not want to go," and he replied that "I must go." He said, "you wanted to go the first time," and I answered "so did you want to go at first, but the last time you did not want to but they run the conscript and made you." He replied, "yes, and I am going to make you go this time." I replied I was like the fellow, "if I must, I must, but I hated it mighty bad."

I turned on my heels and looked at him for the last time. From that moment my mind was made up to run away. I sought my brother to to tell him that I was going away, but he was not at home. I left word there with a colored girl where he could find me. This was about the middle of May '63. I went to a place where a slaved lived by the name of John Bigles. I knew he had kept my cousin who had run away so I went to his house. I saw him, and he told me he could take care of me, but I would have to go to his wife's house. He told me that I would have to stay under the cabin floor where he had kept my cousin. I said all right and about day break before the children got up I went in under the floor. I could not sit up, and could do nothing but turn over and lay there all day. His wife who was a considerate soul kept a sharp lookout and passed what food I had through the floor to me. There was no basement to the house and it rested very close to the ground. I stayed there all day Thursday and Friday. There was an old colored lady on the place who told everything she knew. Had she known I was under there she would have told the whole neighborhood. They did not let her know anything about it. I could hear her talking about looking under the house to see if she could find some missing hens. I knew if she saw me I would be a "gonner."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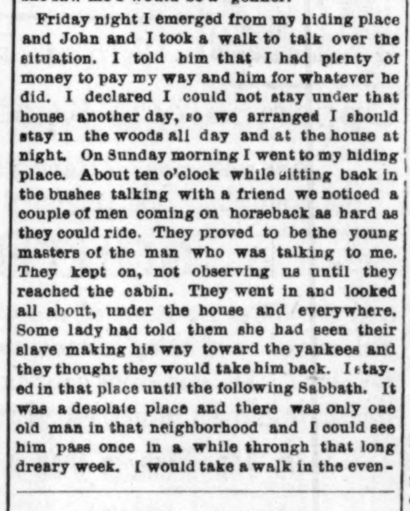
Friday night I emerged from my hiding place and John and I took a walk to talk over the situation. I told him that I had plenty of money to pay my way and him for whatever he did. I declared I could not stay under that house another day, so we arranged I should stay in the woods all day and at the house at night. On Sunday morning I went to my hiding place. About ten o'clock while sitting back in the bushes talking with a friend we noticed a couple of men coming on horseback as hard as they could ride. They proved to be the young masters of the man who was talking to me. They kept on, not observing us until they reached the cabin. They went in and looked all about, under the house and everywhere. Some lady had told them she had seen their slave making his way toward the yankees and they thought they would take him back. I stayed in that place until the following Sabbath. It was a desolate place and there was only one old man in that neighborhood and I could see him pass once in a while through that long dreary week. I would take a walk in the evenings up on top of the hills and I would come out on a projecting rock and stand there and look for miles around and see the smoke as it would raise up and settle as though it would hide from the gaze of heaven the iniquity beneath. If I could have given utterance to my thoughts, it seemed I could have melted this wicked nation to tears. One may imagine how long the days were sitting there with not a solitary soul to speak to, hour after hour.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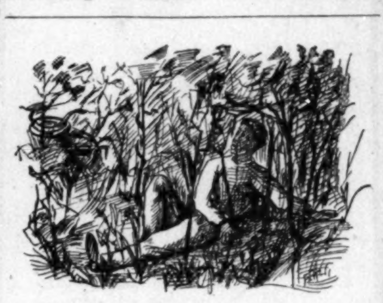
About the middle of the week my master sent one of his company home, with orders if I came back to capture and bring me to the rebel army. I had made up my mind to never go back. I could look from my hiding place and see the wheat fields that were just beginning to head. This was my second Sabbath in my new hiding place. I was always afraid of snakes, scorpions and lizards, and on Sunday morning they were thick there. The sun was shining very beautiful that morning, the birds were singing, and the hill was so steep that all I had to do was to lean over and view the panorama of teeming life beneath. I would look above when I heard a noise, only to be greeted by the snakey gaze of a coal black serpent about eight feet long. He would stop and lick his forked tongue out at me as though challenging my right to remain where I was. The reptiles were very thick and the exceeding quietness made them very bold. I lay over against the side of the hill and dropped into a troubled sleep. It seemed there was a snake in my bosom. I jumped about five feet and yelled like a wild man. When I found it to be but a dream I quieted down and looked to see if I had been discovered. No one had seen or heard me. I had been told the Sabbath before that the young lady who had wept at my departure was coming to see me. I sent her word that I did not think it safe for her to come as it might cause me to be discovered.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CHAPTER IV.

My brother came again and the same Ben Hill bringing word that my master said that George had either to go with him or the yankees. I told my brother who had concluded to accompany me, to get ready and come back and we would start that night. I had been waiting for the Union army to come by that I might get with them, word having come however, that the yankees were making their way back to Murfreesboro. The man who had been keeping me, and his uncle, about sixty years old, said they were going too and we decided to make the start at seven o'clock that Sunday night. I knew the country pretty well. It was about twenty five miles from Murfreesboro. Morgan's men and the bushwhackers were scouring the county in every direction, and this made it very dangerous. We started on our journey and as we come to the little villages we would turn aside and go around them. It seemed to me that all the dogs were loose and all the people up. As the Union army had passed that way that day, I gave orders that we would carry sticks, looking like guns, so we would be taken for soldiers, no one would tackle us. We heard that the bridge across Stone river had been burned. When we come to the banks and viewed the burning bridge our way looked dark and forbiding. I threw my head down and studied a minute which way to turn. We selected the left as the Union army had crossed that way and we passed over dry shod. We jumped and clapped our heels with satisfaction. We had traveled about eighteen miles. The picket line was about five miles out. We had heard that they did not allow anybody to pass and repass and the next thing was, how we were to get in, and what we would say when we got to the lines. I was to be the spokesman. Day had just begun to break; just about five miles out we struck a picket. He called us to halt and asked, "who comes there?" I said, "black men!" He permitted us to advance and said it was very fortunate for us that he was on guard; that a picket on guard the night before had heard a cow come along and shot her. The orders were very strict not to let any one pass. This was the first guard five miles out from Murfreesboro. He said he could not take us in to camp as he had no one to relieve him. That was just before sun up, and at that time of the year the mornings were very cool. He asked us if we had any tobacco. About eight o'clock in the morning the officer of the day came around. I asked him if he would take charge of us. He said that he could not take charge of us as the orders had been issued that no slaves were to be allowed harberage who were leaving their masters. He said that we could go to the cavalry's pickets at headquarrers as the officers wanted to hire some waiters. I found that to be a kind of a come-off. However, we went to the picket headquarters, but no one seemed to want to take us.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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Lisman, Ky., Special.

Miss Ida B Shackelford gave a grand dinner in honor of her many friends. Quite a number of them being present. Mr. H. D. Cunningham, of St. Charles; Mr. H. I. Shelton, of Armstrong Ill.; Misses Ida Bruce and Caroline Finley, of Providence; Mr. W. M. Miller, of Lisman and others. Miss Shackelford is home during the holidays. She will return to Madisonville in time to participate in the grand banquet. Sick list of Lisman, Cal—Casky Rice, son of Rev. D. G. R. Rice, is lying very low with pneumonia. Mrs. W. M. H. Rice is pronounced convalescent, wife of Rev. W M Rice, D. D Prof. T. A. Hughes, of Marion, Ky., is in Providence solicitating patronage for his Normal School that he will teach here commencing March 1st. Prof. Hughes taught a similar school last year giving satisfaction.

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To all Evangelical Churches of the United States of America and to the Methodist bodies of Canada and the British Isles, Greeting:

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At the session of the General Conference held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1892, it was decided that we should hold our One Hundredth Anniversary in October, 1896, in the "Mother Zion," (or first established church of the connection) now situated on the corner of West Tenth and Bleecker streets, New York City, N. Y.

We take this medium through which to inform you of our intention and to earnestly ask your sympathy and co-operation to make this Centennial effort a success in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom and in the elevation of the race.

It is our purpose to hold a ten day Centennia conference, two sessions each day, at which time papers will be read and such subjects discussed as may be agreed upon.

Every denomination or religious organization is cordially invited to participate with us. We especially invite all Methodist organizations to take part with us.

Each denomination desiring representation will please communicate with Bishop A. Walters, D. D., Chairman Centennial Committee, No, 353 Bleeker street, New York City, N. Y.

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We came here on the 29th of last September, and on the first Monday in October began our work in the Model School, having for our assistants Miss Ida B. Adams and Miss Daisy L. Williams. Prof. M. M. Ponton, of Ohio, principal of the Normal and Preparatory, and our president, Prof. Y. E. Carter, of Helena, formerly of Washington, D. C., will have charge of the collegiate department, who is also dean of the college for this year. We have during the last three months procured money sufficient to the amount required to enable us to begin work on the Dormitory.

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KILLED BY A LANDSLIDE.

The Many Events of the Holidays—Weddings and Death—Personals.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Christmas has been merry to some and sad to others. Many weddings and deaths have visited the families of this city. About two tons of earth fell on Charles Blakemore, killing him and two horses instantly, and smashed the wagon. It was a sad sight. Miss Cindia Henderson's funeral was attended by Rev. J. A. Hillsman, from Mt. Zion Baptist church, on the 25th, ult.; Rev. J. E. Bowman attended the funeral of Rev. J. A Jones' baby, from his home on the 26th, ult. Mr. Berry Woolby was married to Miss Mary J. Smith, on the 25th, ult.; Miss Mary J. Streeter to W. M Burkeen, on the 24th, ult.; Miss Lunia S Streeter to Ulysses S. Aken on the 27th, ult.; Miss L. C. Thompson to Anderson Ginton, on the 30th, ult. D. A. Wilson's two daughter's, Misses Rosa and Lucindia, are on the mend. Miss Maggie Stubbs will soon join her sister, Miss M. D. Stubbs, at Roger Williams University, who is very much grieved over her good and kind teacher, who had been with them since the fall of '83. Rev. M. A. Hemphill and little son left for Nashville on the 24th, ult., where they will make their future home. Prof. T. T. Ransom's wife's school will close at Belbuckle in two weeks. Miss Martha Preer left for her home at Pulaski, Tenn., where she expects to teach for two or three months before she returns to Turner high school at this place. Prof. R. P. Purdy visited several of the closing schools. Prof. Greer opened school in the Academy on the first of the year. Mrs. Minerva Little, of Chattanoogo, is visiting relatives here. J. C. Cabron was married to Miss Lula C Tillman on the 27th, ult. J. C. McAdams came home from Nashville very sick. Get The Freeman at W H. Gosling's store.

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John P. Green.
Cleveland, G., Dec. 24, 1894.

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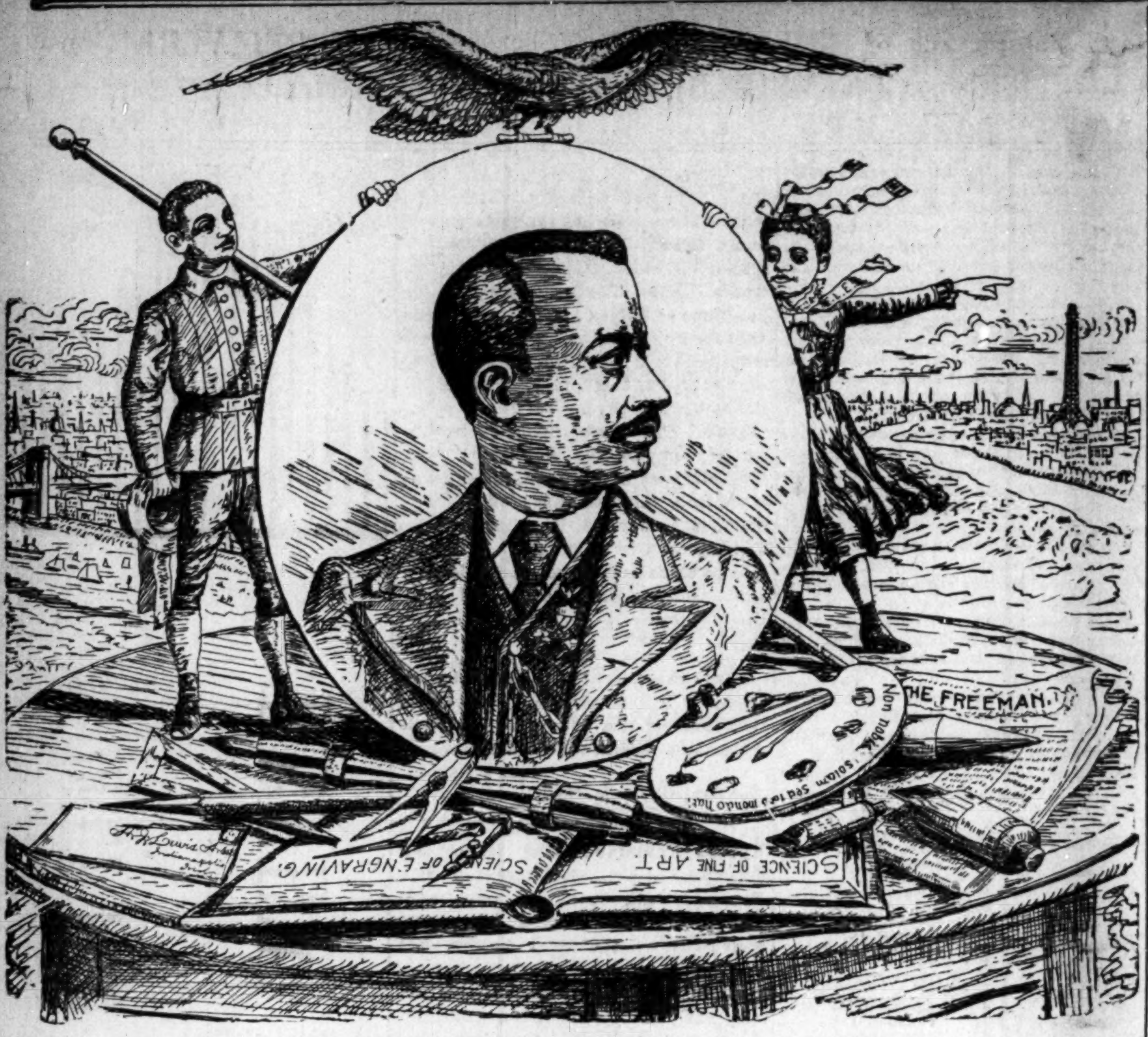
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Directly the weather becomes suitable there will be a trotting meeting on the ice at St. Paul.

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"Honest" Dobbins, munching the hay of quietness in his stall at Gravesend, would wonder could he know what a lot of newspaper talk he has caused this winter.

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O. H. Chenault, of the Spendthrift Stud, Richmond, Ky., has sold to G. W. Leavitt for Boston parties, the trotting stallion Empire Wilkes, 2:20¾. The price is said to have been $5,000.

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"Old Man" Charles Fleishmann, who is a big stockholder in the Cincinnati Jockey Club, will put up a lot of money if the prospective fight between Oakley and Latonia comes off. Needless to say, the clash will do any amount of damage to racing interests in that part of the country.

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The Fleischmann horses that are now running in the name of Lew Elmore at New Orleans will take in the spring circuit up to Nashville, after which they will be turned out. The other division of the stable, now in winter quarters, will start the campaign at Lexington, and if the date question between Latonia and Oakley is not settled, will race at the latter track exclusively while the clash lasts.

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An informal lunch among members of the Stock Exchange in Exchange Hall furnished an opportunity for a boxing bout between Bob Fitzsimmons and his sparring partner, Tom McCarthy, last night. A ring was rigged up in the middle of the big trading room. A broker well known for his operations in street railroad stock looked after Fitzsimmons, and Jim Townsend, well known as politician and broker, saw to McCarthy's wants. The position of referee and timekeeper was filled by a newspaper man. McCarthy of course, never had a look in, and as it was a purely friendly affair it was cut short to spare him. Fitzsimmons caught the fancy of the brokers by his intense activity and great hitting powers. At the end of the set-to a well known broker made the remark that if Jim Corbett can whip the Australian it will cost the Chicago Exchange at least $50,000.

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Jim Corbett was asked recently what he thought of the offer made by the Kinetoscope Company to have his fight with Bob Fitzsimmons brought off in Mexico. The opinion he expressed was quite unqualified. "It's all nonsense," he said. "It would be absolutely impossible to fight before the kinetoscope. I tried it before and no one can persuade me that a battle according to Queensberry rules can be fought that way. A round can only last one minute, and a delay of ten minutes between the rounds is needed to keep the machine in working order. That is nothing but farcical when a real fight is under consideration. It strikes me that Fitzsimmons is making a big bluff when he says he wants to fight before the kinetoscope. We will, if possible, fight in Jacksonville, but if not, we can select some other place that will be agreeable to all concerned." When Bob Fitzsimmons was shown the dispatch in which Corbett is reported as saying that it would be impossible to bring off a fight before the kinetoscope, he took his turn at being ironical. "Corbett seems to have a very poor opinion of such a fight," said he, "but he may find it more of a contest than he expects when he is in a genuine fight in front of a kinetoscope. At any rate, he is about the last man who should laugh at the idea. He would have just as good a chance as his opponent. For myself, I don't see much chance of a fight at Jacksonville, and am quite willing to take a $50,000 offer from the Kinetoscope Company. I am sure Corbett is dodging me like he dodged Peter Jackson. Jackson and I are fighters, but Corbett is too pretty, and like the rest of that kind is always afraid of chance blows. I think I can whip Corbett, and anyhow I want to fight him." Because the conditions under which Corbett has already showed before a kinetoscope would be impossible for a "business" fight, there appears to be no reason why the machinery cannot be adapted to suit the circumstances. The enormous revenue which would be derived from a kinetoscopic representation of the fight would warrant the company in laying out a tremendous sum of money to get a faithful representation of the event. By supplying more machines the necessity for such short rounds and long delays could be obviated.

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Colored Teacher's Institute.

Texarkana, Ark., Special.

The institute was called to order at 10 a. m. by Prof. A. B. Crump conductor. Exercises as follows: Music by the Institute; invocation by Prof. J. F. Miller; music by the Institute. Prof. Crump made a few opening remarks relating to the design of the state and county in regards to institute work, after which he appointed Prof. A. A. Bryant secretary. The program furnished by Prof. J. T. Cowling, county examiner of Miller county was then taken up. "Aims and Methods in Language," by A. A. Bryant was presented in a brief, pointed and effective manner. E. E. Brown, Miss Mattie Deveraux and Mrs. Maggie Washington discussed the subject. "Difference between Language and Grammar," by Prof. J. F. Miller was treated in a very able and instructive manner; discussed by A. A. Bryant and A. B. Crump. The importance of state, district and county educational association was raised by E. E. Brown which led to an enthusiastic discussion by J. F. Miller, A. B. Crump and others. At 1:30 conductor A. B. Crump called the house to order and the program was taken up. "How to keep up Interest in History" was presented by A. B. Crump who made an argument as to the importance of associating dates with familiar events, outlining his theme by talks on discovery, settlement, revolution, constitution, etc; discussed by Miss M. C. Jones and A. A. Bryant. "How to Conduct Reviews" was discussed by E. E. Brown, Rev. D. B. Harston and M. P. Deverreaux "Value of Biography" by H. Jones was discussed by Mrs. E. E. Stevens and A. B. Crump. Mrs. Maggie Washington read a paper on "Cautions to be Observed in Current History" which though very short, set forth some points which all should observe in teaching current history; discussed by A. A. Bryant and E. E. Brown. The institute adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. on 21st.

SECOND DAY—DEC. 21.

"How to Use Maps Successfully" by Miss Mattie Deveraux, discussed by A. A. Bryant. P S Stevens, E. E. Brown and A. B. Crump. Mrs. E. E. Stevens read a paper on "Busy Work," which was full of suggestions to teachers in securing attention and continual progressive work in the school room; discussed by E. E. Brown and A. A. Bryant. "U S. Land Survey" was discussed by Misses Maggie Williams, Lucy Williams, Mary Jones, H. Jones, A. B. Crump and others. Resolutions, thanking Prof. Cowling for his kind advice and instruction, to Prof. A. B. Crump for the able and satisfactory manner in which he conducted the institute, and to Miss Mattie Deveraux for her service as organist were adopted. Rev. Harris made a few remarks, commending the work of the institute. Adjourned.

Struck Gold.

Leadville, Col., Special.

Mrs. A. E. Bohanon and Miss Marsie Gooden spent the holidays in Denver. There have been three or four gold strikes in the vicinity of Leadville in the past ten days, and considerable interest is manifested. M. E. Lee and daughter, Miss Lulu, went to the Capital City Monday night to spend the holidays. Miss Ollie Green is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Henry Everette. The Christmas tree Concert and supper at the A. M E church was a success. The ball given by the "Mystic Five" on Christmas eve was a grand success. We wish The Freeman a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Mr. Alonzo Copeland is quite sick. Mrs. Ellen Ellis did not return to Omaha last week as she expected to, but will spend the holidays in Leadville. Mr J. A. Smith has lost his position at Elmore.

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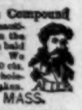

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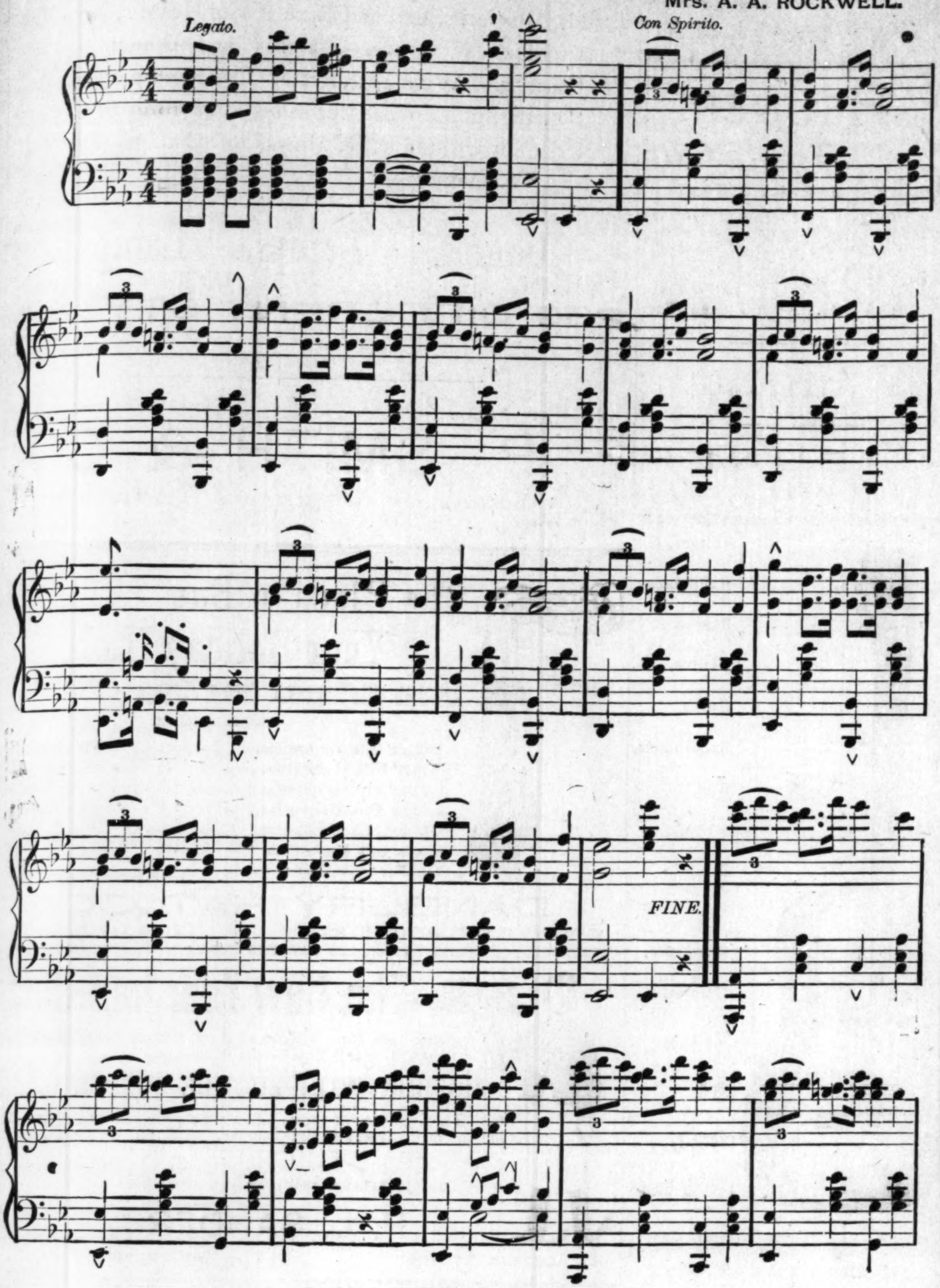

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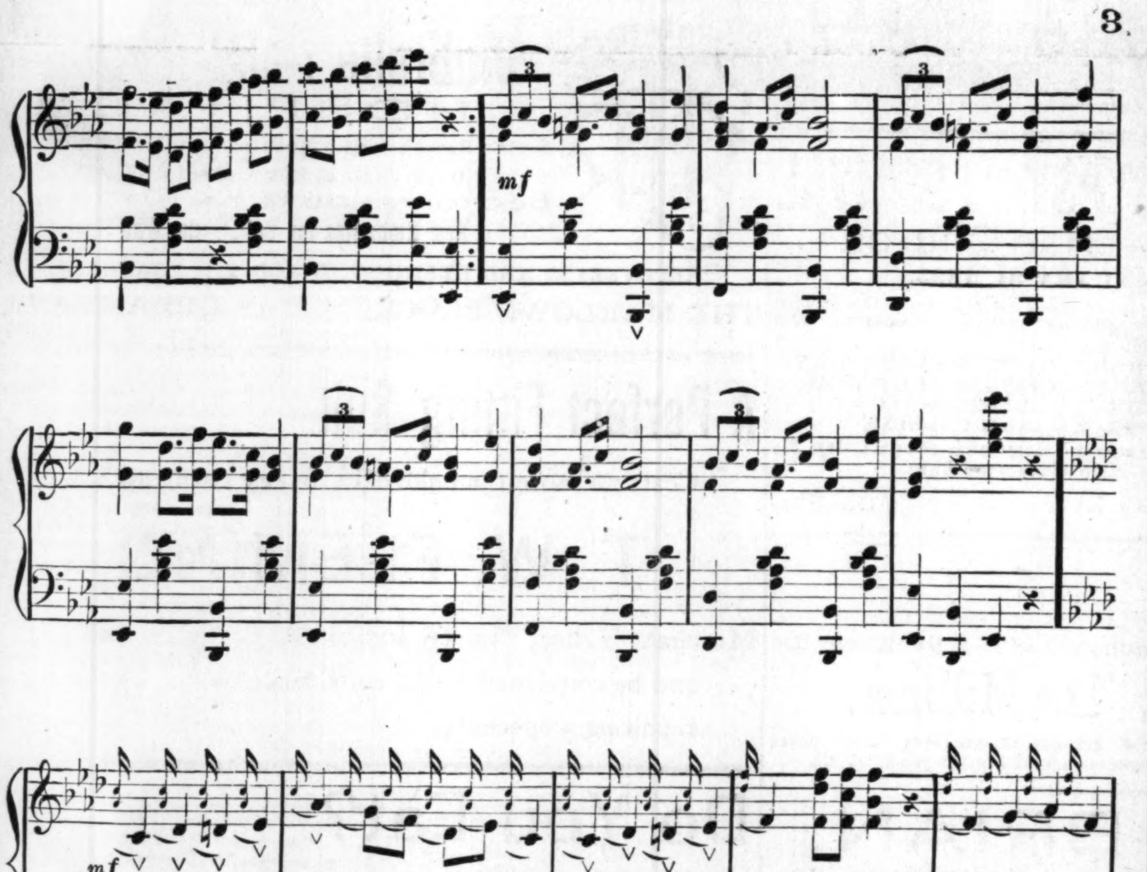

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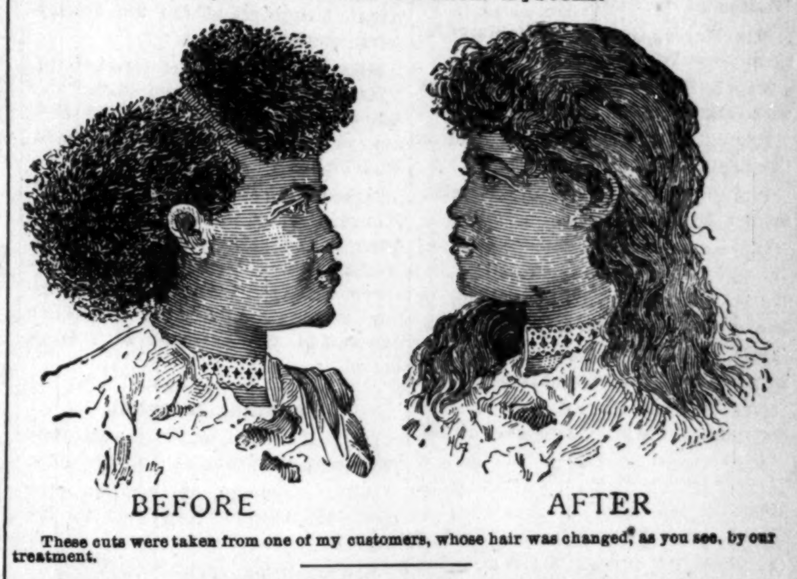

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A musical feast—the Pipe Organ Recital.

J. L. Dawson will make Chicago his future home.

Samuel Taylor of the fire force is on the sick list.

Hear the grand chorus of fifty voices January 31st.

Mrs. Lottie Lewis is home from Hamilton county,

A grand affair—the Pipe Organ Recital on the 10th.

Miss Bessie Singleton is visiting friends of this city.

John Carter and Miss Ida Fitzhugh were recently married.

William Lewis of Newcastle was in the city last Tuesday.

J. S. Freeman left the city last Wednesday for Cairo, Ill.

Mrs. Martha Grundy of Noblesville, spent New Years in the city.

Miss Nellie Parker spent Christmas with relatives at Dayton, O.

Revival meetings will be held at Corinthian church next week.

Prof. W. A. Anderson of Lafayette, made a flying trip to the Capital.

Mr. Joseph Ward sings "Sleep on, Thou Art Happy," very effectively.

The Ministerial Alliance voted to attend the Pipe Organ Recital the 10th

Rev. H. H. Thompson has been engaged in revival services at Noblesville

Mrs. Mildred Motley is confined to her room at 220 W. Chesepeake street.

Pipe Organ Recital at the Second Baptist church Thursday evening the 10th.

A social entertainment was held at Olivet Baptist church last Wednesday night.

Hear the thrilling "Slumber Song" by Miss Nettie Maud Christy as Mrs. Ringold.

Hear the melodious notes of the Pipe Organ at the Second Baptist church on the 10th.

Miss Daisy Ritliford is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Shelton 225 Douglass St.

The infant child of Rev. Theophilus and Mrs. Price passed away on last Monday night.

Nicholas Beckley was buried from his home 482 Superior street last Tuesday afternoon.

James Wells has recently refitted his tonsorial parlors in elegant style at the Union Station.

Nathan Sommers, the well-known dairyman died at his residence on the South side last Saturday.

You must come early to get a seat at the Pipe Organ Recital on the 10th at the Second Baptist church.

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Miss Lulu Searcy of Louisville is in the city visiting, the guest of her uncle Jere Black, 410 Blake street.

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Miss Sadie Bayor, of Muncie, and Miss Estella Fisher, of Terre Haute, is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Lulu W. Searcy, one of Louisville's charming bells, was the guest of her Uncle Christmas week.

Rev. George D Smith of South Bend is visiting his sister, Mrs. Amanda Wilson, No. 1 Anderson street.

Hear the Gypsy Fortune Teller in "Now the Burning Embers Glow." The Caldron scene will be grand.

Henry Cole, of Chicago, with the Oberlin Glee Club was the guest of Miss Elda Plumor of Vermont street.

Help us to break down race prejudice by helping us in our Grand Gypsy Festival Jan. 31st. Come out!

Mr. and Mrs. Allstock, who resided at 298 Fayette street have removed to Columbus, O., for permanent residence.

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Mrs. Amanda Haddex-Davis, who has for some time been a scholar in music at the Conservatory is progressing rapidly.

Hear the soft, sweet voice of Miss Georgia Stevenson in "Think of the Absent One," at the 9th Presbyterian church Jan. 31st.

Don't forget that Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Joseph Ward represent Jane and Herbert in the Grand Gypsy Festival Jan. 31st.

The two Misses Sweenies entertained their callers royally New Years.

Come and hear Chas. Baughman as Sir Henry Glenville in the Grand Gypsy Festival at the Ninth Presbyterian church, on Jan. 31st.

Miss Essie Johnson as Gypsy Queen Misses Stevenson and Evans as Gypsy Fortune Tellers, Mr. Florida Eubanks as the Yankee Peddler.

A dozen or more of colored coachmen held an impromptu meeting last Thursday evening for the purpose of organizing a Coachman's Union.

Don't fail to hear the rich and powerful voice of Mrs. Kathryn Crossen-Harper in the song of the witch at the Grand Gypsy Festival January 31st.

Joseph Gilbert, a highly respected citizen was buried from Corinthian Baptist church on last Sabbath afternoon. Rev. A. N. Martin officiated.

Ruby Shelton takes the part of Mr. Ringold at the Grand Gypsy Festival given by the Launfal Circle of the King's Daughters at the 9th Presbyterian church Jan. 31st.

Miss E M. Eckton, Greensburg, Miss Emma Barbour and Miss Daisy Bland of Mt. Vernon spent the holidays in the city, the guests of Mrs. N. M. Hill, 158 Yandes street.

Isaac Griffin and lawyer J. T. V. Hill represented the affirmative of the question of separate schools, and J. H. Williams and S. G. Givens the negative at the Hood Literary on last Tuesday evening. A spirited discussion came off in the presence of a large crowd.

Personal Mention.

Dr. J. E. Brown and Carey F. Hervey are visiting friends in this city.

Prof. Meyzeeke, of the Louisville public school, spent New Year in the city.

Elwood Knox spent New Years in Cincinnati, the guest of the Pleasure Seekers' Club.

The Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, Recorder of Deeds, District of Columbia, spent New Years day in Indianapolis

Mrs. W. Stewart of Noblesville accompanied by Mrs. James Williams and daughter spent New Years in the city.

Mrs. Maggie Nickens of Mattoon, Ill, a former Indianapolitan is in our city a guest of her mother, Mrs Sarah Potts, 308 West Court street.

E. J. Smoot, Esq., of Cincinnati who was in our midst several days, called by the serious illness of his twin brother, Adam Smoot of California street, returned home Thursday.

Miss Mary Crutchfield and Miss Lillian Jones, of Louisville, are visitin this city, the former the guest of Miss Tenie Steel, 170 Menerva St. The later of Mrs. Julius Cox, No. 7 Quince St.

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The "Then and Now."

The "Then and Now Concert" given at Bethel A. M. E. church New Years night under the auspices of Miss Nettie Maud Christy and Isaac Johnson was a very intertaining affair. Miss Melissa Davidson as the Egyptian Queen and Miss Georgia Porter as Gypsy Maid were good. Miss Anna Johnson entertained the audience with a very pleasing solo, "Go to Sleep my Baby." The other consisted of recitations and duetts which were excellent.

The music rendered for the occasion was by Mrs. Kate Bazel, Mrs. Roxie Bell, and Miss Georgia Porter.

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Mrs. Emma Shepherd of 336 Yandes street gave a nine o'clock Breakfast New Years in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Henderson. It was a magnificent affair consisting of eight courses including all of the delicacies of the season. The guests were ten in number. Mrs. Shepherd was assisted by Miss Nettie Maud Christy.

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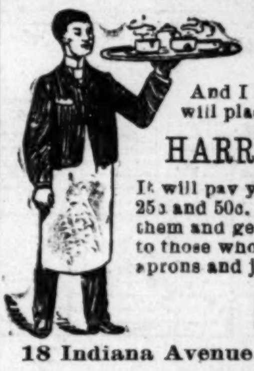

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